

Governor's Forest Health ADVISORY COUNCIL

Thursday, January 8th, 2004 at 1:30 p.m.
County Supervisors Association
1905 West Washington Street, Suite 100 Phoenix, AZ

- 1) Call to order

1:36 P.M. The committee recognized that Mr. John Kennedy will no longer participate on this Council as he has moved onto another opportunity located in Wyoming. Another individual will be selected at a later date to fulfill his position on the Advisory Council.

Introductions

- 2) Approval of minutes of the **12.11.03** meeting
Kirk Rowdabaugh made the motion and Ed Smith seconded, the council passed unanimously **Approved**

- 3) Subcommittees
 - a. Reports
 - i. Monitoring & Evaluation – Steve Campbell

None at this time

- ii. Utilization & Commerce – Marty Moore

The Economic Utilization subcommittee will develop a set of guiding principles for economic utilization of forest material. In connection with that they will hold an all day workshop on February 17th at the CSA regarding sustainability and sustainable harvest. They anticipate a draft set of Guiding principles ready for review before the March 19th Governors Forest Health Council.

- iii. Land Use & Wildland Fire –Taylor McKinnon on behalf of Don Falk

A list of assignments will be dispersed to the Council upon completion of the shadow document. ETA on that information is Tuesday, January 12th.

- b. Formalization and procedures

A request was made to the sub-committee chairs to provide additional sub-committee documentation to stimulate content for the website available to the public. (All info should be inclusive for both councils).

- c. Cross-council updates / information sharing

As of this morning, the Oversight Council has made revisions to the Draft Recommendations document. Representative O'Halleran is in preliminary stages of developing a Bill that would allow for the designation of a Forest Health Office, which would address wild urban interface code, fire code and regulation of current code.

- 4) Mapping & Assessment Workshop
 - a. February 13, 2004 8am-3pm
 - b. Venue - TBD
 - c. Announcement distribution
 - d. Attendees

The Mapping and Assessment workshop will showcase the efforts and explain the relation of all three subcommittees. A meeting will follow the workshop to discuss recommendation and future reporting schedules at the Forest Health Conference. Potential invitees include: Homeland Security GIS, State Cartographer, County GIS staff, Oversight Council, the Insurance community and the Geodatic Survey. Please email any further recommendations for invitees and site availability to Heather by Friday, January 9th.

- 5) Executive Order Goal #5 Problem Statements
 - a. Tentative approval of language

At this time preliminary support was given to the language of the document. Discussion will continue when the Oversight Council has had the opportunity to make recommendations.

- 6) Executive Order Goals #2 and possibly also #3
 - a. Review each goal
 - b. Final products/outcomes envisioned to satisfy goals

Executive Order Goal #2: Monitor and evaluate results of existing demonstration restoration projects in Arizona to share lessons learned;

Executive Order Goal #3: Identify new opportunities and alternative strategies for demonstrating restoration-based fuel reduction and forest health projects and the resources to fund them

Things that need to be considered is to list the strategies that need to happen and put forth new alternative strategies.

Wally Covington volunteered to prepare a report in two weeks on forest restoration research and demonstration projects from what is known and what we have learned. Please provide recommendations by Wednesday, January 14th.

- 7) Next steps / assignments / workshops
 - a. **February 9-12th** forest health monitoring workshop in Sedona
 - b. **March 19, 2004** Governor's Forest Health Conference in Prescott
 - i. Lori Faeth will give a brief overview.

Lori Faeth stated that this conference is intended to highlight/recognize the accomplishments of the State. Therefore, since reasonable notice has been given, we are anticipating attendance by all members of the Councils. Workshops are also planned to stimulate involvement by concerned homeowners. Any suggestions on the development of those workshops are welcome. Participation by all council members is requested for various needs at the conference. A specific recommendation was made to invite Jack Cohen. Taylor McKinnon is working toward a new goal to obtain copies of Mr. Cohen's presentation on Home Ignitability to exhibit on public access television. Anyone with suggestions or contacts (public television) should contact Mr. McKinnon. A session concerning Mapping Programs at the Forest Health Conference will be explored at a later date. The Economic Utilization subcommittee will prepare a briefing for the conference to showcase what information is available. Details regarding the Forest Health Conference will be posted on the website.

- 8) Future meeting dates and locations
 - a. Set 2004 schedule
 - i. February 12th Phoenix @ County Supervisor's Association
 - ii. March 11th Phoenix @ County Supervisor's Association
 - iii. April 8th Phoenix @ County Supervisors Association

Mr. Covington relayed to the Council that the University of New Mexico has established their own committee, which is similar to the Forest Health Advisory and Oversight Councils. As a quest participant of those meetings it was brought to his attention that NM would like the opportunity to

collaborate with the Councils. The Council agreed that such a partnership would be beneficial to both committees.

9) Call to the Public

No comments from the public

10) Adjournment

Hearing no other business, meeting adjourned at 2:43 P.M

*Dated this **8th day of January, 2004** - Governor's Forest Health Advisory Council*

CO-CHAIRS

Beth Zimmerman – Department of Emergency Management

Taylor McKinnon – Grand Canyon Trust